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1. KABUL TIMES, AUGUST 3 PUBLISHED MFA REACTION TO BHUTTO'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN SHORT ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER HEADLINE "NOTHING NEW IN BHUTTO'S PRESS TALKS". MFA SPOKESMAN CHARGED BHUTTO IS TRYING TO CAMOFLAGE "RECENT DEPLORABLE ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN AGAINST AFGHANISTAN". SPOKESMAN CHARGED "RECENT INTERFERENCE" BY GOP "IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFGHANISTAN, THE LAST EXAMPLE OF WHICH CAME TO LIGHT WITH INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE AND DOCU-

MENTS" NEGATES ALL GOP "CLAIMS OF GOOD FAITH. IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELA-TIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES CANNOT BE HOPED FOR".

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION PARA 5 REFTEL TAPE OF JESHYN SPEECH UNAVAILABLE, BUT TRANSLATION FROM TAPE MADE BY USIS FSL READS AS FOLLOWS..."UNFORTUNATELY,
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HOWEVER, THE ONLY NATION WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE

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TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY TIES AND COOPERATION DESPITE OUR
EFFORTS HAS BEEN PAKISTAN. OUR DIFFERENCE AND ONLY ONE
WITH PAKISTAN LIES OVER THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF OUR PASHTUN
AND BALUCHI BRETHREN. WE ARE HOPING THIS WILL BE
SETTLED THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS
OF THE WISHES OF PASHTUNS AND BALUCHIS AND THEIR
LEADERS. WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NO AMOUNT OF
INSTIGATION, SUBVERSION AND THREATS ON THE PART OF
PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT WILL CHANGE OUR STAND IN THIS
CASE, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO GET THIS
PROBLEM SETTLED PEACEFULLY".

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISING IF DAOUD
HAD MADE NO REFERENCE TO PAK/AFGHAN DIFFERENCES IN JESHYN SPEECH.GIVEN
NECESSITY OF REFERENCE ON STATE
OCCASIONS, MESSAGE SEEMS TO US TO HAVE BEEN CALCULATED
AS SOFT-LINE AND NON-INFLAMMATORY. SIMILARLY MFA ANNOUNCE-
MENT SEEMS SIMPLE REACTION TO BHUTTO PRESS STATEMENT
MAKING NO NEW CHARGES OR ALLEGATIONS. STATEMENT THAT
NO IMPROVEMENT POSSIBLE IN PRESENT ATMOSPHERE HINTS
AT MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS, RATHER
THAN DRAMATIC DETERIORATION.
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